



**THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
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**AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER ATTORNEY'S OATH  
REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN CALIFORNIA**

**Taking the Attorney's Oath in California**

Following is a list of those officials in the state of California who are authorized to administer the Attorney's Oath, which is required for admission to practice law in California.

- A judge of any court of record. CCP §2093 (a); Gov. Code §1225.
- A justice of any court of record. CCP §2093(a); Gov. Code §1225.
- A former judge or justice of a court of record (as long as the judge or justice was not facing charges at the time of resignation or retirement). CCP §2093(c); Gov. Code §1225.
- The clerk of any court of record. CCP §2093(a).
- A court commissioner of any court of record. CCP §259; CCP §2093(a).
- A notary public. CCP §2093(a).
- A shorthand court reporter. CCP §2093(b).
- An officer of the executive branch of government (i.e., Governor, Lieutenant Governor). Gov. Code §1225.
- Any member of the Legislature. Gov. Code §1225.
- The President of the Senate. Gov. Code §1225.
- The President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Gov. Code §1225.
- The Speaker of the Assembly. Gov. Code §1225.
- The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly. Gov. Code §1225.
- The Secretary of the Senate. Gov. Code §9191.5.
- The Chief Clerk of the Assembly. Gov. Code §9191.5.
- Any county officer (i.e. district attorney, registrar of voters, assessor, member of the Board of Supervisors). Gov. Code §24057.
- County officer deputies (i.e. deputy district attorney). Gov. Code §24057.
- Members, State Bar Board of Governors. Bus. Prof. Code §6052; CCP §2093(a).
- Judges of the State Bar Court. Bus. Prof. Code §6086.5; CCP §2093(a).
- The State Bar's Chief Trial Counsel. Bus. Prof. Code §6052; CCP §2093(a).
- Administrative Law Judges. Gov. Code §11528; CCP §2093(a).
- Mayor. Gov. Code §40603.
- Jury Commissioner. CCP §196(a).

**Taking the Attorney's Oath Outside of California**

If you are currently residing outside of California, it is not necessary for you to return to California to take the Attorney's Oath of Office. An affidavit taken in a foreign country to be used in California, may be taken before an Ambassador, Minister, Consul, Vice Consul, or Consular Agent of the United States, or before any Judge of a court of record having a seal in such foreign country. (Code Civ. Proc. § 2014.) When an affidavit is taken before a judge or a court in another state or in a foreign country, the genuineness of the signature of the Judge, the existence of the Court and the fact that such Judge is a member thereof must be certified by the Clerk of the Court, under the seal thereof. (Code Civ. Proc. § 2015.) Affidavits and oaths made by military personnel are governed by California Civ. Code § 1183.5.